A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 112.

Administration of Justice

Transfer of Mr. E. E. Mack, I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, Anantapur.

* 114 Q.—Mr. T. Narasa Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that E. E. Mack, Esq., I.C.S., District and Sessions Judge, Anantapur, has been transferred from Anantapur within a short period of seven months;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was transferred because he criticized the administration of the Police in the district in a sessions case from Prasannapalli; and

(c) if the answer to clause (b) is in the negative, what necessitated the transfer of the Judge within such a short period?

A.—(a) Mr. Mack was District and Sessions Judge of Anantapur for 8 months and 3 days before he was transferred.

(b) No.

(c) The transfer was effected in the general interest of the public service.

Representation of Settibalijas on the Court of Bench Magistrates at Bhimavaram.

* 115 Q.—Mr. G. Sriramulu: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) when the Court of Bench Magistrates was constituted at Bhimavaram in the West Godavari district; and

(b) whether there is any "Settibalija" now as a Special Magistrate on the Bench?

A.—(a) In September 1918.

(b) No.

Criminal Law

Repeal of the Mappilla Outrages Act.

* 116 Q.—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the resolution passed unanimously at the second session of the Kerala Muslim Conference held at Calicut, under the presidentship of Sir Muhammad Habib-ul-lah, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., LL.D., appealing to the Government to repeal the Mappilla Outrages Act and to remove the special police from Malabar; and

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have received a copy of the resolution referred to. No action was taken on it as the proposals had already been examined before and found to be not feasible.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know from the hon. the Law Member what exactly is the question and when the question that seems to have been examined by the Government was considered?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"There were questions about this recently in the Council; at the time of answering these questions the question was examined."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether the Government have examined this question after receipt of the unanimous resolution of the people of Malabar?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether it is not a fact that in the Administration Report the Government have emphatically and categorically stated that the Mappilla prisoners had all been released and that the state of affairs in Malabar was such that there was no need for retaining this law?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I want notice of that question. I am afraid that the last portion of my friend's statement could not have appeared in the Administration Report."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—"Will the hon. Member state some of the reasons why this Act is still continued?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"In the interests of the tranquillity of the district."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, what facts and figures the Government possess in order to show that the tranquillity of the district has been disturbed in the last few years since the rebellion occurred?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The rebellions that broke out after this Act was passed are evidence of the need for the Act."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what exactly are the facts which the Government have in order to continue this Act?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"The safety and tranquillity, as I submitted, of the district."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Has not the hon. the Law Member now evidence before him of the peace prevailing in the district?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Partially."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"Is there any partial consideration for the repeal of this Act?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"No, Sir."